

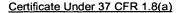
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AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.